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This week's HIPAAnote...

\*\*\* Transactions Testing:  
Conversations with my Clearinghouse(s) \*\*\*

With the Transactions testing deadline looming in mid-April, those of you who contract with a clearinghouse for processing of EDI transactions should have already begun communications with them.

A number of items for discussion must be considered as they relate to your current relationship and your relationship going forward. Clearly you must be aware of their plan of action, which transactions will be supported, the timing of their readiness, and how they will include your organization in their testing.

Consideration must also be made to the data content you are currently transmitting to the clearinghouse and what will change based on the HIPAA requirements. Likewise, if you are receiving data from a clearinghouse, pay careful attention to the changes in data content they are providing you as well.

Lastly, contracts or agreements you currently have will require review and modification. If you do not have a formal agreement in place, it is recommended that you create one. y to creating a comprehensive test plan

and ultimately a successful remediation implementation.

Linda Ostach, Principal  
Phoenix Health Systems

That's today's HIPAAnote...now, pass it along!

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